



## **Steven Ellis**

### **BLM Deputy Director**

Steve Ellis began his professional career as a forester for the BLM in southern Idaho rising to his current role as the Bureau's Deputy Director, the top career position in the BLM.

Ellis, who came to the Washington post in July, 2013, from his position as the BLM Idaho State Director, has served in a variety of jobs across the BLM, including Associate District Manager in Las Vegas, District Manager of Oregon's Lakeview District and Deputy State Director in Alaska. Ellis also worked five years for the BLM in Washington, D.C., including one year as a BLM Congressional Fellow in the U.S. Senate.

Part of Ellis' career in public service includes seven years with the U.S. Forest Service, where he served as Forest Supervisor of the Fremont-Winema and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests in Oregon.

Before beginning his full-time Federal career, he worked as a seasonal firefighter and a forest research technician for the U.S. Forest Service while attending college. Ellis grew up on a family farm in Illinois. He holds a B.S. in Forestry from Southern Illinois University as well as a M.S. in Geography (Soils and Atmospheric and Science) from Northern Illinois University.

Ellis and his wife Linda, a family nurse practitioner, have raised three children and have five grandchildren. He is a licensed private pilot, and with his wife, enjoys riding and packing their horses in Idaho and Oregon.